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## MONT CLAIR HOTEL SOLD

HOWELL COBB, OF WILSON, N. C., BUYS PROPERTY FORMERLY WHEELER HOTEL—TO BE REFURNISHED AND MODERNIZED.

The Mont Clair hotel, formerly the Wheeler, has been sold by its owner, C. F. Fugus, of Charleston, S. C., to Howell Cobb, of Wilson, N. C., one of the best known hotel men in the state. Final negotiations were closed on Monday when Attorney Thomas Rollins, of Asheville, representing Mr. Cobb and Attorney A. Hall Johnson, of Asheville, representing Mr. Fugus were here to draw up the papers for their respective clients.

The Mont Clair hotel, one of the city's largest tourists' hostels, has been purchased at this place last year and made extensive improvements upon the property. J. R. Stewart managed it during the past season. Mr. Stewart has been working on the recent sale for several months. He was for twenty five years connected in the hotel business with Mr. Cobb and later he was four years with Mr. Fugus.

Mr. Cobb will be remembered by many of the older citizens as having built the Wayside Inn here many years ago. He has been forty years in the hotel business in this state and has been manager of such hotels as the Yarrowburgh at Raleigh, Guilford at Greensboro, and many others in cities of North Carolina. He owned at one time the Hot Springs hotel at Hot Springs, N. C. He will move here with his family and make Hendersonville his permanent residence.

Plans are being perfected to have the hotel refurnished and modernized in every respect. Mr. Cobb is a familiar hotel man through out the country and he will interest many tourists to visit Hendersonville through out the year it is thought.

### ETOWAH BOX SUPPER.

A box supper will be given at Etowah school house Saturday night, Oct. 30, from 7 to 10 o'clock. The proceeds will go to the school. Everybody is invited to take a long box.

### ETOWAH MAN LOSES HIS LIFE NEAR RICHMOND, VA.; DETAILS.

Richmond, Oct. 26.—The police received a letter today from Richard Hamilton of Etowah, N. C., seeking details relative to the murder of his brother, William R. Hamilton, sign painter, age 53, whose body, with head crushed and throat slashed, was found in a field on the outskirts of the city last Wednesday.

The same mail brought also a letter from Miss Ella Hamilton, of Blantyre, N. C., the murdered man's sister, asking for details of the crime and expressing the hope that he died in the faith and was prepared to meet his Maker.

The police are now working on the theory that Hamilton was slain by a jealous assassin, who removed a roll of money from his pocket merely to cover up the real motive.

Though deeply religious, Hamilton was addicted to drink at times. In one of his pockets was found a half filled flask of "North State" corn whiskey. He has an aged father residing at Penrose, N. C., and a daughter, Mrs. J. M. Trantham, of Asheville.

### FLAT ROCK PEOPLE FORM COMMUNITY SOCIAL CLUB.

The patrons of the Flat Rock graded school met on Friday evening, Oct. 22, and organized a Community Social Club.

J. S. Jones read the constitution and the purposes of organizing the people of Flat Rock Community into a Community Social club.

Very interesting talks were made on organization by Prof. R. A. Reed, J. F. Brookshire and E. R. Pinckney. Officers were elected as follows: J. F. Brookshire, president; J. S. Jones, vice president; Prof. R. A. Reed, secretary-treasurer; Zeb Kilpatrick, doorkeeper. An executive committee with E. R. Pinckney as chairman, and three other committees on education, beautification and recreation were appointed.

Refreshments were served. The meeting closed with a song: "He for Carolina."

The next social will be Thanksgiving evening, and a special program will be rendered.

### CARTER GLASS IN HOSPITAL.

Wynchburg, Va., Oct. 19.—Congressman Carter Glass, chairman of the house committee on banking and currency, who spent three days last week at a Baltimore hospital, returned to that institution today for treatment. Mr. Glass is said to be suffering from nervous breakdown due to overwork. It is expected that he will quickly be restored to good health for the ensuing session of congress.

### VISTA AND QUEEN CLOSE FOR REVIVAL.

The Queen and Vista theatres have decided out of respect to the Alexander and Chapman meetings to close their houses until the revival services are finished with the exception of Saturday afternoon and evening of each week.

H. M. LORD, C. R. GLENN, For the Vista, For the Queen.

### WAR IS ON IN HENDERSONVILLE.

The Sheriff and Chief Police Both Figure in Slight Affairs. The European war spirit has broken out in Hendersonville.

During the past week a number of people were seized with a war spirit and therefore went to war. About the first in line was Chief of Police Otis Powers. The chief had his veracity questioned. He had been working mightily hard in an effort to uncover some evidence concerning the St. John fire. The subject would irritate him, especially if some one would come along and try to cover up tracks and put a great big question mark after the chief's truth-telling qualities.

There is some question as to who occupied the hotel. The chief had the matter well changed in his mind, too well to suddenly change it. The chief was asked to turn over his memory, refresh it or do something that would make it act somewhat to the contrary. One word led to another and finally the chief is said to have asked the man who approached him if he meant to call him a liar. Instead of a positive "no" a round-about answer is said to have been issued and the chief couldn't stand it any longer so gave a round-about Jeff Willard sort of a reply in the form of a slap in the face in front of the Justus' pharmacy. He is said to have spinned around a few times and about the time he stopped turning and witnessing new brilliant stars in his sudden and painful revolution two or three other officers were on the scene and intervened. And the chief's memory yet rings clear about the conversation said to have taken place.

Sheriff Drake was about next in line and his turn came on Saturday morning, which was a bad day for fighting since several similar "stars" are said to have been performed in Hendersonville. Pink Case is said to have taken an early start Saturday morning and wanted full-handed justice right in the temple of justice where the sheriff was holding forth. Case is said to have politely and formally informed the sheriff that he (Case) had come to give him a good whipping. The sheriff dismissed the matter or at least tried to, and didn't pay much attention to Case, but as the former proceeded into the clerk's office—Case is said to have cut away at the sheriff. A little scuffle ensued but no serious damage was done, for friends intervened.

W. H. Bangs also got it into his system to do the unusual and some fellow made him so mad that he just booted over, couldn't hold himself still any longer nor control his physical strength, so struck away with a pair of pliers and is said to have badly wounded some man's nose who was passing through the city.

### BLANTON BELK 1ST LIEUTENANT.

The following news item from Raleigh will be of interest to J. B. Belk's friends: "A commission was issued today by Adjutant General Young to John B. Belk as first lieutenant, sixth company, Coast artillery, Hendersonville."

Mr. Belk has been serving as second lieutenant but Van Lindsey has resigned as first lieutenant and has been succeeded by Mr. Belk, who will take an examination for the promotion in Greensboro on November 2.

### MR. CRINKLEY DEAD.

D. T. Crinkley has returned from his old home near Warrenton, N. C., where he was called last week on account of the death of his father, Andrew Crinkley, who died from troubles due mostly to old age, being 86 years old.

The deceased was survived by six sons, one of whom has been engaged in the mercantile business in Hendersonville for the past few months.

### THE ST. JOHN HOTEL.

(Waynesville Courier.)

Our sympathy goes to Hendersonville for the loss of the St. John Hotel on Monday morning by fire. That hotel had added much to the favor in which Hendersonville was held by the tourists, and its destruction is a sad blow to the town.

### TOXAWAY LINE IMPROVED.

Heavy rails have been laid by the Southern from Hendersonville to Rosman, making the Transylvania road bed as good as any on the system. This work was started several months ago, and will be carried on to Lake Toxaway. The curves south of Rosman have already been relaid with eighty-pound rails, and a large force of men are now spreading cinders along the way between here and Hendersonville. —Brevard News.

## BUSINESS AND MAIN STREET PROPERTIES EXCHANGED

R. P. Freeman Sells Interest in Station Hardware to J. C. Jamison; Capt. Toms Sells Western Union Building to W. H. Hawkins & Son; J. D. Boyd and Miss LeGrande Sell Ideal Store Building to W. S. Miller and E. R. Black; Mr. Black to Move Barber Shop; Ideal Store Will Move or Discontinue.

Hendersonville Main street real estate has experienced a boom during the past few days and with this comes announcements in the change of business firms.

The building occupied by the Ideal store and the adjoining one occupied by the Western Union Telegraph office have exchanged hands.

The Ideal store building has been sold by J. D. Boyd and Miss Nettie LeGrande to W. S. Miller and E. R. Black.

Mr. Boyd and Miss LeGrande, who have been conducting the Ideal store, will either move into new quarters or discontinue the business, the outcome depending on quarters obtainable.

Will Move Barber Shop. It is Mr. Black's purpose to eventually move his barber shop from its location between the Bee Hive and the Burkmyer grocery into the building purchased by him and Mr. Miller. The date of moving has not been decided upon nor the time when the Ideal store will vacate the building.

Messrs. Hawkins Buy From Capt. Toms. W. H. Hawkins and son, A. H. Hawkins, have purchased from Capt. M. C. Toms the building between their jewelry store and that purchased by Messrs. Black and Miller and occupied by the telegraph office. The consideration is understood to be about \$3,000.

This building is a small one and carries with it no vacant back lot, the Messrs. Hawkins owning the lots to the rear of the telegraph office and the Ideal store. So far as is known it will be occupied by the telegraph office without any change in the structure.

Messrs. Black and Miller will necessarily remodel their property in order to make ready for the barber shop, which it is reported to make very attractive and strictly modern.

### Mr. Freeman Sells to Mr. Jamison.

R. P. Freeman, who has been associated since the first of the year with C. G. Jones in the Station Hardware company, has transferred his interests in this business to J. C. Jamison of Pleasant Hill, near Hendersonville. Mr. Jamison will move his family to Hendersonville and give his full time with Mr. Jones to the business, which will continue under the corporation name of Station Hardware company.

In the trade Mr. Jamison is understood to have transferred his home place with a few acres of land, an automobile and some other property to Mr. Freeman.

It is not known what business Mr. Freeman will follow but it is rumored on the street that he is grooming himself for the office of sheriff.

### MAKE FRIDAY, SATURDAY, OCT. 29, 30, BIG DAYS IN YOUR DISTRICT.

State Superintendent Joyner and the State Committee on Community Service have named Friday, October 29, as North Carolina Day and Community Service Day, and the law requires its observance in every public school in North Carolina. The subject this year is school and neighborhood improvement, and a bulletin just issued by Superintendent Joyner is packed from start to finish with practical suggestions looking not only to moonlight school work, but also to better schools, better community life, better health conditions, better library and rural recreation for every country neighborhood.

Remember, all the grown people of your district, the parents and other citizens are asked to meet at your schoolhouse Friday to consider all school and neighborhood progress. Then on Saturday, October 30, the people are asked to join together to do some actual physical work for improving and beautifying schoolhouses and grounds, church buildings and grounds, roads, parks, etc. Read our Farmers' Union page what some communities in this state did last year, and see if your neighborhood can't do just as well.

And be sure to lend your aid to the movement to teach every white person in North Carolina to read and write next month. See your teacher and school committeemen and offer your help toward making Friday and Saturday of next week red letter days in the development of your community. —Progressive Farmer.

### CHAPMAN-ALEXANDER MEETINGS.

On motion of Rev. W. F. Womble, pastor of the Methodist church, seconded by Rev. J. W. Lafferty supply pastor of the Presbyterian church, the great congregation at the Chapman-Alexander meeting on Tuesday night voted to hold all of the meetings following Wednesday afternoon in the First Baptist church building. Following are the meetings: Thursday, 3 p. m., and 7:30 p. m. Friday 10 a. m., 7:30 p. m. Consecration Day. Saturday 7:30 p. m. BIG SING. Sunday 10 and 11 a. m. Regular services in all the churches. 3 p. m. MEN ONLY. 7:30 p. m., meeting for all. Subject: "Regeneration." Monday, 7:30 p. m. Remainder of the week, except Saturday, three services each day, 10 a. m., 3 p. m., 7:30 p. m. Great singing and preaching. Great meetings. Come!

### HENDERSON COUNTY BOY SAID TO HAVE STOLEN HORSE & BUGGY

Asheville, Oct. 21.—In less than five hours after he is alleged to have stolen a mule belonging to W. C. Nix and a buggy owned by Elisha Kerlee, both of whom live near Black Mountain, Melvin Cox was arrested on Pack square by Sheriff E. M. Mitchell and lodged in the county jail on larceny charges.

Sheriff Mitchell climbed into the buggy with Cox and ordered him to drive to J. H. Creaman's stable on Biltmore avenue. Arriving there Cox jumped from the buggy and attempted to escape, but instead darted into Deputy Sheriff L. E. Revis' arms and was held until the sheriff came up.

According to a story told by Mr. Nix he went to his stable this morning to feed and found that a mule which he more than \$100 had been taken, the halter having been cut. Tracing the tracks down through the corn field he discovered the man also stole a buggy from Mr. Kerlee, who lives nearby. They notified Sheriff Mitchell and a watch was kept for the man. It was not long until Cox showed up with a mule and buggy and was arrested. It is understood that he was trying to sell the outfit when arrested.

Sheriff Mitchell visited Black Mountain this morning in order to investigate a rumor that had been received to the effect that Cox had a confederate waiting there for him to sell the mule and buggy and they were to leave the state.

Cox is a young man about 21 years of age and is a son of T. Cox, who lives in Henderson county near Fairview.

### TEXAS WOMEN HOLD FAIR.

The first woman's fair ever given in Texas is now being held in Houston. This is something new in the nature of fairs, but why should it not prove a success? Texas women are capable of making a success of anything they undertake. The exhibition was created exclusively by women, and the many displays that have been arranged show what the women are doing to better their condition in life—rural and urban.—Waxahachie Light.

### COLUMBIA PARK SPRING STARTS TYPHOID FEVER; WATER IMPURE.

Analysis of Water by State Health Department Finds That Spring is Filled With Typhoid Germs.

The Columbia Park spring, which has been furnishing water for several families in that section, is contaminated and it is believed that three cases of typhoid fever originated from the use of this water and that two deaths have been the result.

Dr. J. Frank Cranford, city health officer, sent a bottle of the water to the State Health Department in September and the analysis proved that the water contained typhoid germs. R. P. Freeze of the Freeze-Bacon Hosiery mill in Columbia park near the spring was notified and he followed the instructions of the health officer in placing lime in the spring and draining it and digging ditches to take care of surface water close to the spring. It is not known what condition the water is in at this time.

Dr. Cranford gave notice of the impurity of the water and in order to avoid trouble offered without cost to vaccinate those who had been using the water so as to immunize them from typhoid fever. This offer is understood to have been declined by the residents of the park, many of whom have been using the water instead of that provided by the city.

Dr. Cranford states that he is confident that three cases of typhoid fever and two deaths are traceable to the use of the water, possible one or two cases having originated through lack of precaution in the first case, which doubtless started from the use of the water.

Since the purity of the water is now unknown although the spring has been treated, Dr. Cranford advises against the further use of this and other spring water in the city.

## REVIVAL SERVICES HAVE CREATED GREAT INTEREST IN THIS CITY

LARGE CONGREGATIONS HEAR DR. C. L. EVARTS IN UNION REVIVAL; GROUND IS WELL PREPARED FOR A GREAT HARVEST; THE BACKSLIDEN HAVE BEEN AWAKENED FROM THEIR LETHARGY AND THE CAMPAIGN IS NOW ON FOR THE UNSAVED; GREATEST REVIVAL IN HISTORY OF CITY.

The churches of Hendersonville are coming back into their own.

There is a resurrection of the religious life in Hendersonville and the old backslidden church members are now ready to "slid forward," as Dr. Evarts would put it.

The Christian forces are about to regain the town and the devil is just about to lose his grip.

A great religious revival is on and will continue for several days and the outcome is expected to be long remembered in the religious annals of Hendersonville.

### The Leader an Able One.

Dr. C. L. Evarts, a member of the Chapman-Alexander party now in Asheville, who has been associated with such distinguished ministers as Dr. Moody and Rev. Billy Sunday, is leading the meeting in Hendersonville. He is attracting some of the largest congregations ever known in the city. The people attend once and return from night to night, not through curiosity nor excitement but through the desire to hear a message that is worth taking home. Dr. Evarts is not of the sensational kind. He gives his hearers the pure article in its simple form and accompanies it with enough humor and interesting timely illustrations drawn from his rich storehouse of experience to make his messages take well.

### Preparing for the Harvest.

As was stated in last week's Democrat, preparation has been in the making for these meetings for several days. Dr. Evarts began the meeting proper Sunday afternoon, when the Methodist church was comfortably filled with people anxious to hear him. The number greatly increased Sunday night, when he went after the backslidden in no unmistakable terms with the result that many of them resolved to turn over a new leaf and show more loyalty to the church.

### 1,000 in Attendance.

Provisions had been made for seating about 1,000 people at the First Baptist church, where the services are being held, and before time for preaching Sunday night nearly every seat in the main auditorium and the annexes had been occupied. On Monday night another comfortably filled house welcomed his message and on Tuesday night they were there again. The congregations are unusually large for Hendersonville and Dr. Evarts said that comparatively speaking conditions were more favorable and gratifying in Hendersonville than they were in Asheville, where thousands are being turned away from the tabernacle built especially for the Chapman-Alexander meetings. He expressed great satisfaction at the results so far. The afternoon service on Tuesday at the Methodist church was also largely attended.

### Reviving Indifferent Ones First.

Dr. Evarts is carefully preparing the way for a great spiritual awakening in Hendersonville and community. Thus far he has been giving something on the order of Bible institute training for the Christians in order to show them how to win the unsaved. Not until Thursday night of this week will he begin the active campaign for the unsaved. He is getting the Christians and the cold and backslidden members in lines for active and soul-winning service so that after Wednesday the real campaign for the unsaved will begin, to continue through this and next week if not longer.

### All Services at Baptist Church.

It was first decided to hold all the night meetings at the First Baptist church in order to accommodate the large number in attendance and alternate the afternoon services between the Presbyterian and Methodist churches, but on Tuesday night it was decided to hold all services after Wednesday afternoon at the First Baptist church.

### Large Choirs Organized.

One of the largest church choirs ever known in Hendersonville has been organized. Dr. Evarts has taken personal charge during the services and from a little stand especially erected for him, he conducts the work with marked enthusiasm. In the senior choir there are nearly a hundred voices and over to the other side of the pulpit is another choir composed of about 100 children. Various means are resorted to in order to bring out the musical talent and hold interest, one choir being pitted against the other, denomination against another and the men against the women.

### Great Interest in Meetings.

Great interest is being taken in the meetings, which form a topic of general conversation among the people of the city. The meetings are attracting numbers who have not attended church for a long time and the part so encouraging to those in charge of these meetings is that the indifferent ones are keeping up the attendance, which it is believed will increase from night to night.

### Regular services will be held at the various churches uniting in this meet-

ing on Sunday morning.

Before the revival closes the Chapman-Alexander party now in Asheville will attend one of the services. It is probable that arrangements will be made for an excursion train to run to Asheville and give the people of Hendersonville and community an opportunity to attend the Asheville services and return by train on the same day, after the meetings close in Hendersonville.

### BETTER HENDERSON COUNTY ROAD MAINTENANCE URGED.

Advocates of Good Roads Report That Maintenance Problem is Being Treated Too Lightly.

There is considerable talk in Henderson county about road maintenance. Some contend that the roads, and a finer system Road Supervisor P. F. Patton said he didn't see in the road inspection tour over nine western states during the past month, are not getting proper attention so as to keep them in good condition during the winter months.

The following item from the Press Bulletin of the United States Department of Agriculture should be considered good authority:

There is no phase of the road problem more important than that of maintenance. The general impression that there are certain types of roads that are permanent is erroneous. No permanent road has ever been constructed or ever will be. The only things about a road that may be considered permanent are the grading, culverts and bridges. Roads constructed by the most skillful highway engineers will soon be destroyed by the traffic, frost, rain, and wind, unless they are properly maintained. But the life of these roads may be prolonged by systematic maintenance. A poor road will not only be improved by proper maintenance, but may become better in time than a good road without it.

The first and last commandment in earth road maintenance is to keep the surface well drained. To insure good drainage the ditches should be kept open, all obstructions removed and a smooth crown maintained. Except for very stony soil the road machine or scraper may be used very effectively for this work. The machine should be used once or twice a year and the work should be done when the soil is damp so that it will pack into a hard crust. Wide and shallow side ditches should be maintained with sufficient fall and capacity to dispose of surface water. These ditches can in most places be constructed and repaired with a road machine.

A split-log drag or some similar device is very useful in maintaining the surface after suitable ditches and cross section have once been secured. The drag should be light and should be drawn over the road at an angle of about 45 degrees. The driver should ride on the drag and should not drive faster than a walk. One road trip, each trip straddling a wheel track, is usually sufficient to fill the ruts and smooth the surface. If necessary the road should be dragged after every bad spell of weather, when the soil is in proper condition to puddle well and still not adhere to the drag. If the road is very bad it may be dragged when very wet and again when it begins to dry out. A few trips over the road will give the operator an idea as to the best time to drag. Drag at all seasons but do not drag a dry road.

The slope or crown of an earth road should be about one inch to the foot. If the crown becomes too high it may be reduced by dragging toward the ditch instead of from it. If the drag cuts too much, shorten the hitch and change your position on the drag. If it is necessary to protect the face of the drag with a strip of iron, it should be placed flush with the edge of the drag and not projecting. A cutting edge should be avoided is to smear the damp soil into position.

### STRONG PLEA IN BEHALF OF KEEPING OPEN THE LIBRARY.

Editor, Democrat:

May I use a small space in your paper to ask if it is absolutely necessary for our library to be closed for the greater part of each week? It is with surprise that I learn this is under consideration.

The closing of the library for a large part of the week will not only inconvenience the people of our city, but it will greatly handicap the work of our High school. We have no school library. We have only such reference books as the teachers supply. Our students have been using the reference books in the library and for this reason teachers and pupils beg that the City Council keep the Library open as before.

MISS MARY MINOT HILL, Teacher of History and Assistant Principal.